

### REMARKS

Claims 1-20, including independent claims 1 and 6, were rejected on various grounds. Claims 21-24 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected invention. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Applicant reserves the opportunity to re-present such claims at a later time. New claims 25-39 have been added. As such, claims 25-39 are currently pending in this application. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, as more fully explained below.

#### Objection(s) to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification due to a typographical error on page 7, line 5 of the application. The paragraph beginning at page 7, line 4 has been replaced to correct this informality. The numeral "38" on page 7, line 5 has been changed to the appropriate numeral "28." No new matter has been added by this amendment.

#### Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings because numeral "24" on FIG. 3A should be numeral "29." In addition, the numeral "19" was referred to in the specification (*see, e.g.*, page 5, lines 25-28) but was missing from FIG. 1A. The replacement drawings submitted herewith correct these informalities. No new matter has been added by these corrections.

#### New Claims 25-39

The Examiner noted that original dependent claims 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 112, ¶ 2. New independent claim 38 includes all of the limitations of original claim 6 and dependent claim 14. Claim 38 also addresses the rejection under § 112, ¶ 2 by replacing the phrase "a faces" with the term "at least one of said faces". New dependent claim 39 includes all of the limitations of original claim 15. Accordingly, new claims 38-39 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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New independent claim 25 and dependent claims 26-37 describe apparatus for separating cargo areas. The apparatus comprises a polymeric rotomolded seamless panel having an internal cavity. The panel is integrally formed such that the peripheral edge surfaces are substantially seamless, and at least one peripheral edge surface is able to receive a seal member. Written descriptive support for the new claims 25-37 is found throughout Applicant's originally filed specification (*see, e.g.*, page 4, lines 22-32; page 5, lines 18-28; and page 8, line 6 to page 9, line 21). No new matter has been added.

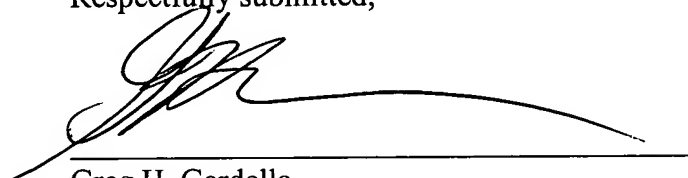
The references cited by the examiner do not disclose, teach or suggest the apparatus recited in independent claim 25. Neither Onken, Jevaney, Hill nor Hutchinson, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest a rotomolded panel that is integrally formed such that the peripheral edge surfaces are substantially seamless and adapted to receive a seal member.

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Respectfully submitted,

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